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Dear Mr. Acosta: *Ivan*

Please find the enclosed engineering scale drawings for the San Juan Federal Navigation Projects and the sampling and testing forms. Locations of core samples are depicted on the drawings. Please use them to determine the northings and eastings for sampling and then return them to me.

We have determined two composite samples to be appropriate for testing this material. Although optional, we also urge you to consider analyzing the sediment chemistry of the individual cores so that we may be better informed about how different dredged material quality is across the system. This would assist us in making decisions about whether and how to composite in future efforts.

Please remind your contractor that an EPA approved work and quality assurance plan must be attained before sampling begins. If you opt to contract with PPB Environmental, they can use their approved plan for the Port of Las Americas Project as a template. As always, I am available to discuss any particulars about this testing effort.

Thank you,

Mark Reiss
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Division of Environmental Planning and Protection